

Note Preliminary  
Amend to Spec  
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3. Cancel in this application original Claims 2-41 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim has been retained for filing purposes.
4. The filing fee is calculated below, pursuant to the Preliminary Amendment, a copy of which is filed herewith:

CLAIMS AS FILED						
FOR:	(1) No. Filed	(2) No. Extra	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER	
			RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	1	0	\$355	\$	\$710	\$710.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	20-20=	0	X 9=	\$	X 18=	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4-3=	1	X 40=	\$	X 80=	\$80
() MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED			+135=	\$	+270=	\$0
TOTAL				\$		\$790.00

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0413.
6. A check in the amount of \$ 790.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.
7. Amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph immediately following the title of the invention at page 1, line 3: --This application is a continuation of pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/369,724, filed August 6, 1999, <sup>now US Patent No. 6,235,026</sup>
8. This patent application is assigned to SciMed Life Systems, Inc. pursuant to the Assignment recorded on Reel 011438, Frame 0487.
9. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to CROMPTON, SEAGER & TUFTE, LLC. The power appears in the papers in the prior application file.